Formalisation of informal credit; Inclusion of financially excluded; Project-Based Lending;

2. Financial Architecture include:

Agency and Mobile Banking; System of Bharat Kisan Credit Card; Reforming Lead Bank Scheme; Credit Counseling for Farmers; Simplifying the Procedure for Mortgages; Simplifying Procedure to Reduce Transaction Costs; Computerization of Records; Integration of Micro Finance Institutions with the Mainstream banking; Improved Deployment of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

3. Institutional Architecture include:

Federation of Farmers - Self Help Groups (SHGs).

4. Risk Mitigation Measures include:

Crop Insurance, Weather Insurance, Price Risk Mitigation; Variable Tariff; Crop Surveillance; Mitigating Risks from Spurious Inputs; Strengthening of Research and Extension Services.

5. Other Measures include:

Expanding.Livelihood Base and Rural Health Facilities.

Farming in plains and hilly areas

†2004. SHRl HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance to be given for per acre farming in plains by Central and State Governments and the amount required for farming in hilly areas as compared to the above;

(b) whether his Ministry has prepared any action plan for making farming in hilly areas useful; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Government has been implementing plans and programmes for development of agriculture both in plain and hilly areas of the country. The major schemes are (i) Macro-management of agriculture, (ii) Integrated scheme of oilseeds, pulses, oil, palm and maize (ISOPOM), (iii) National Horticulture Mission and (iv) Technology Mission of Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern Region including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The details of funds released by the Central Government under the above schemes during the last 3 years, State-wise, are given in the attached Statements I - IV *{See* below). The details of assistance given by the State Governments are maintained by the respective State Governments.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

Funds released under Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme

(Rs. in lakh)

SI. No.	State "	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (up to 30.6.2007)
1	Andhra Pradesh	4702.31	7707.69	2541.54	2600.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1214.15	1420.00	2200.00	1325.00
3	Assam	1661.93	860.00	1000.00	0.00
4	Bihar	1786.51	850.00	1564.37	1200.00
5	Jharkhand	2458.75	906.00	830.00	850.00
6	Goa	280.53	332.59	385.77	150.00
7	Gujarat	5305.61	4850.00	2330.84	2175.00
8	Haryana	1813.68	1460.00	2700.00	1125.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	1600.00	1700.00	2770.59	1150.00
10	Jammu and Kashmir	2285.38	2250.00	3351.50	0.00
11	Karnataka	11872.44	4702.58	5214.24	3505.00
12	Kerala	4583.19	5950.00	1350.00	0.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	7224.76	2550.00	3963.00	3250.00
14	Chhattisgarh	5359.23	2775.00	1129.76	1175.00
15	Maharashtra	17225.59	10328.01	11751.30	6225.00
16	Manipur	1146.16	1785.40	2200.00	1325.00
17	Mizoram	1821.64	1950.00	2300.00	'1500.00
18	Meghalaya	1223.18	800.00	900.00	925.00
19	Nagaland	1768.00	1800.00	2221.04	1500.00
20	Orissa	4036.54	2300.00	3550.00	1650.00
21	Punjab	996.54	0.00	426.00	650.00
22	Rajasthan	11955.30	6255.00	8212.55	4300.00
23	Sikkim	861.80	1422.00	2000.00	1200.00
24	Tamil Nadu	5137.01	3670.00	6337.70	2725.00
25	Tripura	1699.91	1861.56	2000.00	1200.00
26	Uttar Pradesh	8888.67	7423.23	5668. 1 4	4050.00
27	Uttarakhand	2361.06	1787.87	3144.37	1325.00
28	West Bengal	3152.65	2500.00	3190.00	1750.00

Statement-II

Funds released under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM)

(Rs. in lakh)

SI.	Name of the State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (up to 30.6.2007)
1	Andhra Pradesh	3559.97	4816.50	4542.00	232.90
2	Assam	4.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
3	Bihar	145.00	245.00	385.00	187.30
4	Goa	10.00	16.50	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	1883.00	1850.00	975.00	82.18
6	Haryana	497.00	434.00	411 .00	250.00
7	H.P.	40.00	75.50	75.00	50.00
8	J&K	85.00	142.50	0.00	0.00
9	Karnataka	2155.00	1800.00	2700.00	801.33
10	Kerala	5.00	7.50	15.00	0.00
11	M.R	2925.00	2400.00	3750.00	900.00
12	Chhattisgarh	625.00	400.00	675.00	104.70
13	Maharashtra	1040.00	2739.00	925.00	431.78
14	Mizoram	107.00	90.00	102.87	75.00
15	Orissa	455.00	500.00	525.00	250.00
16	Punjab	52.50	87.50	0.00	0.00
17	Rajasthan	2000.00	2840.00	2934.50	700.00
18	Tamil Nadu	990.00	1245.00	1345.00	500.00
19	Tripura	5.00	7.00	0.00	500.00
20	Uttar Pradesh	785.00	1065.00	1115.00	650.00
21	West Bengal	260.00	450.00	674.50	300.00

Statement-III

Funds released under National Horticulture Mission

(Rs. in lakh)

.I. No.	Name of the State	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (up to 30.6.2007)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	4420.%	7500.00	179.88
2	Bihar	3100.00	3500.00	269.72

1	2	3	4	5
3	Chhattisgarh	2367.83	5500.00	0.00
4	Gujarat	3239.28	2577.03	1596.00
5	Goa	315.20	200.00	0.00
6	Haryana	1050.00	3480.00	2238.33
7	Jharkhand	3030.00	4000.00	0.00
8	Karnataka	4455.17	8448.25	492.64
9	Kerala	3533.98	7959.53	467.73
10	M.R	2839.77	4291.75	327.83
11	Maharashtra	8260.28	14492.65	490.49
12	Orissa	3611.91	4450.00	77.41
13	Punjab	2868.82	1150.00	80.00
14	Rajasthan	2259.57	3837.93	2204.95
15	Tamil Nadu	3891.67	6450.00	5076.00
16	Uttar Pradesh	5340.25	1500.00	90.84
17	West Bengal	4035.31	4600.00	192.00

* NOTE: New Scheme - launched in 2005-06

Statement-IV

Funds released under Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir (MM-II)

(Rs. in lakh)

SI. No.	State	200405	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (up to 30.6.2007)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1645.55	1300.00	1612.90	625.00
2	Assam	871.00	1300.00	1400.00	550.00
3	Manipur	1286.25	1500.00	1700.00	475.00
4	Mizoram	1801.10	1800.00	3200.00	625.00
5	Meghalaya	1395.99	1700.00	2000.00	575.00
6	Nagaland	1875.00	1700.00	2356.00	625.00
7	Sikkim	1150.00	1800.00	2331.00	700.00
8	Tripura	1111.30	1500.00	1400.00	0.00

I	2	3	4	5	6
9	Uttarakhand	975.00	1100.00	4000.00	0.00
10	Himachal Pradesh	1300.00	1100.00	4000.00	600.00
11	Jammu and Kashmir	1233.00	1550.00	2933.00	600.00

Corpus fund for farmers

2005. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create a corpus fund for assisting farmers affected by crop loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No proposal, at present, under the consideration of the Government, for setting up a corpus fund to assist farmers affected by crop loss. Those farmers who have taken the insurance cover under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) are compensated as per provision of the scheme. For crop loss, ill-put subsidy under Calamity Relief Fund/National Calamity Contingency Fund is also an eligible component.

MSP of Paddy, oilseeds and pulses

2006. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to enhance the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to increase MSP for paddy from the existing Rs.580/- to Rs.660/- per quintal for common variety and from Rs.660/- to Rs.725/- for grade - A variety of paddy has been acceded to;

(d) if so, the details pertaining to MSP of paddy, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2007-08; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government has announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 2007-08 kharif crops on 17th May, 2007. It has no proposal to enhance the MSPs of paddy, oilseeds and pulses.